

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/647,730

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the 10/27/2005 amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,7 and 10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Price (Registration No. 25,124) on November 9, 2005.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Namely, Fig. 1 has been amended to identify pressure rollers using reference numerals 56, 58, and 60. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11, the numbered paragraph [0046] has been amended as follows:

-- [0046] The first transporting unit 36 includes a second motor 43 for driving a first roller 42 and a guiding unit 37 for driving a discharged banknote through the initial portion of the banknote transporting unit 5. The U-shaped guiding unit 37 and the first roller 42 have companion pressure rollers 56, 58 and 60 arranged at their periphery to form a passageway for the discharged banknote between the first roller 42 and the pressure rollers. Similarly, the guiding unit 37 has companion pressure rollers to form a passageway for the discharged banknote. The discharged banknote is driven by the first roller 42 at a substantially higher speed than the feed roller 22. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 3, line 19 before "sensor", "a second" has been replaced with -- another -

In claim 3, line 20 before "sensor", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 3, line 20 before "signal", "a second" has been replaced with -- another --

In claim 3, line 21 before "sensor", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 3, line 23 before "normal", "the" has been replaced with -- a --.

In claim 3, line 24 after "being", "the" has been replaced with -- a --.

In claim 3, line 26 after "a", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 3, line 26 after "adjacent the", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 3, line 27 before "sensor", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 3, line 27 before "signal", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 3, line 28 after "unit", "and" has been deleted.

In claim 3, line 29 after "and the", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 3, line 30 after "with the", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 7, line 25 before "sensor", "a second" has been replaced with -- another -

In claim 7, line 26 before "sensor", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 7, line 27 before "signal", "a second" has been replaced with -- another --

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In claim 7, line 29 after "and the", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 7, line 30 after "with the", "second" has been replaced with -- another --.

In claim 10, line 1 after "of", "Claim 9" has replaced with -- Claim 7 --.

In claim 10, line 3 before "sensor", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 10, line 4 before "sensor", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 10, line 4 before "signal", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 10, line 5 before "sensor", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 10, line 6 before "signal", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

In claim 10, line 7 after "with the", "third" has been replaced with -- reject --.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Morrison whose telephone number is (571) 272-7221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Walsh can be reached on (571) 272-6944. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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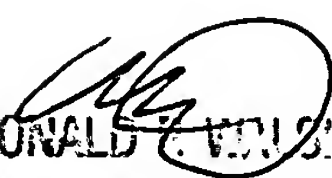

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Fig. 1

